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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HYPERBRANCHED POLYMERS (As Amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP NEW APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents P O Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

<u>Page 1</u>, in the Title, please delete the current Title "HYPERBRANCHED POLYMERS" and replace it with the following:

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HYPERBRANCHED POLYMERS

<u>Page 1</u>, please insert the following on page 1 before line 5 "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":

Cross References to Related Applications

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/873,634, allowed, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/389,821 filed September 3, 1999, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,265,511,